DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in

37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is

eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e)

has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to

37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06 June 2011 has been entered.

Examiner's Comment

The pending claims have been examined on the merits and found allowable - as amended

within the Examiner's Amendment set forth below.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37

CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than

the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Rebecca Smirk on 11 July 2011.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claims 15, 34, and 38, at line 1 of each, the phrase "treatment of aged human skin" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --treating aged human skin of a subject in need thereof--.

In claim 21, at lines 1-2, the phrase "concentration of said extract in said composition is 0.1 weight- % to 3 weight- %" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --amount of the Castanea sativa extract in said composition is 0.1 wt % to 3 wt % --.

In claim 22, at line 1, the phrase "obtained by the" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --obtained by a--.

Claim 25 has been amended to read as follows:

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25.   The method of claim 15, wherein the amount of the Castanea sativa extract in said composition is 0.001 wt % to 10 wt % based on the composition.

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Claim 35 has been amended to read as follows:

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35.   The method of claim 34, wherein the amount of the Castanea sativa extract in said composition is 0.001 wt % to 10 wt % based on the composition.

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In claim 38, at line 9, the phrase "result of the" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --result of a--.

Claim 39 has been amended to read as follows:

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39.   The method of claim 38, wherein the amount of the Castanea sativa extract in said composition is 0.001 wt % to 10 wt % based on the composition.

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In claim 43, at line 2, the phrase "the process that" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --a process which--.

In claim 44, at line 2, the phrase "the process" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --a process--.

Conclusion

Claims 15, 17-19, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 30-44 are allowed.

Please note, an examiner-initialed completely dated copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed 20 February 2007 is attached.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Tate whose telephone number is (571)272-0970. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur, 6:30-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on (571) 272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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